

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/25/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-14 and 16-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
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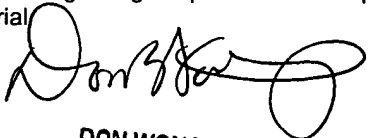
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the amendment filed May 25, 2006. independent claim 16 has been amended. Claims 4, 15 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-18 are pending in this application.

#### ***Response to amendment***

2. Applicant's amendments to claims 16-18 are acknowledged. Consequently, rejection to claims 16-18 under 35 U.S.C 101 is withdrawn.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-18 are allowed over the art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding independent claims 1, 10, 11, 12 and 16, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed provision "a part of the content is provided with a condition that is only effective to that part of the content body, a plurality of different uses of the content body and the distribution content is provided with a condition that is only effective to a part of the content body" as claimed in conjunction with remaining claims provisions.

4. The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Other Prior Art Made of Record***

6. Ottesen et al. (US 5,778,135) disclose real-time edit control for video program material.
2. Iwata et al. (US pub. 2001/0041050 A1) disclose video editing apparatus, video editing method, and recording medium.
3. Sekiguchi et al. (US pub. 2005/0267879 A1) disclose method of image feature coding and method of image search.
4. Mourad et al. (US Pub. 2006/0053077 A1) disclose digital content distribution using web broadcasting services.
5. Lisanke et al. (US Pub. 2006/0085343 A1) disclose method and system for preventing unauthorized rerecording of multimedia content.

***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

***Point of Contact***

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh B. Thai whose telephone number is 571-272-4029. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

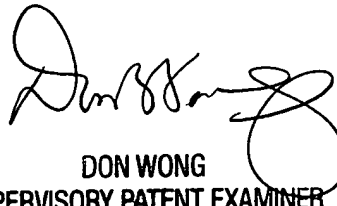
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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